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FRENCH AMBASSADOR CALLED UNDER SECRETARY HABIB
OCTOBER 22 TO SEEK NEGATIVE U.S. VOTES ON THOSE
PARAGRAPHS IN DRAFT RESOLUTION UNDER ITEM 76 WHICH
REFER TO COMOROS AND TO NATO. HABIB RESPONDED IN
FORTHCOMING MANNER NOTING THAT U.S. INCLINED VOTE
AGAINST ENTIRE RESOLUTION AND WOULD DEFINITELY DO
SO IF FRANCE AND OTHER MAJOR EUROPEAN POWERS JOINED
US. WE HAD NO OBJECTION TO VOTING BY PARAGRAPHS
BUT INTENDED, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POSITION WE
HAD PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED ON THIS ISSUE AT FRANCE'S
REQUEST, TO ABSTAIN ON ANY SEPARATE PARAGRAPH VOTE
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ON COMOROS. IF FRANCE COULD OBTAIN SUPPORT OF MOST

OF ITS EC-9 PARTNERS, WE WOULD HAVE ANOTHER LOOK AT
OUR POSITION. WITH REGARD TO NATO PARAGRAPH WE WOULD
VOTE AGAINST IT IF IT CAME TO A VOTE. IN SIMULTANEOUS
PARALLEL CONVERSATION WITH FRENCH COUNSELOR, IO TOOK
SAME LINE, POINTING OUT ALSO THAT WE UNDERSTOOD THAT
THERE WERE CONTACTS AMONG NATO REPS IN COMMITTEE 3
REGARDING WHETHER TO OPPOSE NATO PARAGRAPH BY AMENDMENT
OR BY SEPARATE PARAGRAPH VOTE, BUT THAT WE PREPARED TO GO
WHICHEVER WAY GROUP FELT MOST DESIRABLE. IO ALSO NOTED

OUR OPPOSITION, ON LAW OF WAR GROUNDS, TO PARAGRAPH
ON MERCENARIES.

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